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## VITAMIN A MAY HELP VACCINE-DAMAGED AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Autistic children are "waking up" as a result of a pioneering approach created by Mary N. Megson, MD, a developmental paediatrician in the United States.

Megson is testing the effects of natural vitamin A on children with autism. So far, results seem promising. "Many of these kids are waking up," Megson says.

Many autistic children develop normally until about 15 to 18 months of age. "Then all of a sudden, they shut down," says Megson, the former director of developmental paediatrics at the Children's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

But why do they shut down in the first place? Megson's theory is that the receptors in the brain, controlling vision, language and perception, may already be weakened in some children. These receptors may depend on natural forms of vitamin A, found in sources like cold water fish such as salmon.

For these at-risk children, Megson theorises it's possible that some vaccines may act as an "off switch" to the already weakened receptors. "The kids stop talking" and descend into a world of their own, she says.

Natural vitamin A may "switch on" these receptors, Megson says. Her patients take safe doses that she carefully monitors.

High dosages can be toxic, she cautions.

Bernard Rimland, PhD, of the Autism Research Institute (ARI), and Portia Iverson, of Cure Autism Now (CAN), both report that many parents of autistic children note symptoms soon after vaccinations.

The US-based National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) reports significant increases in vaccine reactions, including immune system dysfunction and autistic behaviours as the required number of vaccinations increases.

(Source: *Vaccine Information & Awareness*, e-mail <via@access1.net>, website <www.access1.net/via>, 5 August 1999)

## PEOPLE WANT IMPLANTS?

What started out as a humorous test in psychology over the Internet has turned into a shocking glimpse of the future.

Located at <www.idchip.com> and headlined "Building a Cashless World", the website is run by Global Monetary LLP which claims US\$5 billion in assets, offices in Seattle, Zurich, Nairobi, Montevideo and Singapore, and headquarters in Bentonville, Arizona.

Over the Internet, Global Monetary is offering qualified persons US\$250 if they take a below-the-skin electronic implant in the palm of their hand!

According to the Global Monetary website: "The IDchip™ implant is a very small electronic

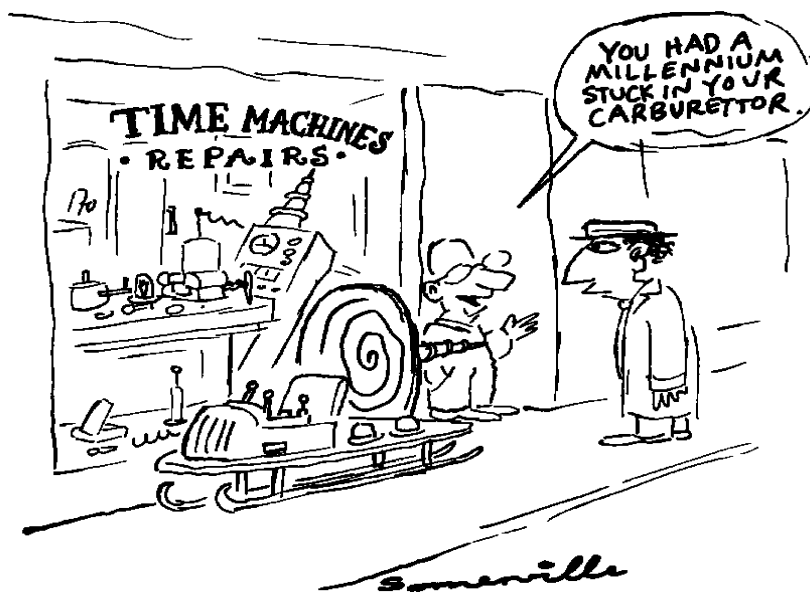
device that is painlessly implanted into the tissue of your right palm. It leaves no scar and is not visible in any way. You will not be able to feel it in your hand, as the device is mostly soft, flexible plastic. It will never need to be removed as it is continually recharged by the proprietary mouse." The computer mouse "interfaces directly with the electronic implant in your palm, thus establishing a foolproof electronic ID system for e-commerce over the Internet and in stores... Once operational, you will be able to purchase everything without the need of cash or even a credit card!"

On top of all this, we are told: "Global Monetary is very active in the world community and is an avid supporter of and contributor to the United Nations." Being big fans of the UN, Global Monetary even offers a computerised link to the organisation's website and a gallery of photos and information about recent wonderments of global intervention performed by the UN.

Of course, it is not real. The website is part of an intriguing project run by Bill Cross. He wants to record a glimpse of how humans will react when such chip technology actually becomes available in the 21st century.

And according to him, visitors are signing up for his imaginary implants in droves. Cross is totally confounded that so many people are willing to receive the "Mark of the Beast".

(Source: *From a commentary by author Jim Keith*, at website <www.nitronews.com/keith.html>, August 1999)



## GM TEST SCIENTISTS PAID BY LEADING GM FOOD COMPANY

Two scientists responsible for independently verifying the safety of the UK Government's controversial genetically modified (GM) food trials are also being paid by a leading GM company.

Bob May and Alan Dewar of the Institute of Arable Crops Research, an organisation subsidised by the government, were appointed in June to help lead a team of "world-class scientists" to look at the potentially adverse impacts of the farm trials.

They had earlier been commissioned by Norfolk-based GM company AgrEvo to look for the environmental benefits of the company's crops. Dr May and Dr Dewar are testing AgrEvo's crops for the Department of the Environment.

In the past year, the UK Government has made great play that all official GM committees should be seen to be completely independent, after it was shown that many of its advisers had direct involvement with the biotechnology industry.

"How can scientists be working for the biotech companies on the benefits of the crops even, as they are supposed to be carrying out independent research on their risks?" asked Adrian Bebb of Friends of the Earth. "The farm-scale trials are becoming a farce."

(Source: By John Vidal and James Meikle, *The Guardian*, <[www.newsunlimited.co.uk/gmdebate](http://www.newsunlimited.co.uk/gmdebate)>, 4 August 1999)

## "UNABOMBER" WAS A CIA MIND-CONTROL VOLUNTEER

It turns out that Theodore Kaczynski, aka the "Unabomber", was a volunteer in mind-control experiments sponsored by the CIA at Harvard in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Michael Mello, author of the recently published book, *The United States of America vs Theodore John Kaczynski*, notes that at some point in his Harvard years—1958 to 1962—Kaczynski agreed to be the subject of "a psychological experiment". Mello identifies the chief researcher for these experiments only as a lieutenant colonel in World War II, working for the CIA's predecessor organisation, the OSS (Office of Strategic Services).

In fact, the man who experimented on the young Kaczynski was Dr Henry Murray, who died in 1988. Murray was recruited to the OSS at the start of the war,

applying his personality theories to the selection of agents and, presumably, also to interrogation.

As chairman of the Department of Social Relations at Harvard, Murray zealously prosecuted the CIA's efforts to carry forward experiments in mind control conducted by Nazi doctors in the concentration camps. The overall program was under the control of the late Sidney Gottlieb, head of the CIA's Technical Services division.

(Source: *Los Angeles Times*, 9 July 1999)

## CIA ADMITS SPYING ON ANTI-GM BRITISH MINISTER

Agents of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) have secretly investigated the UK Environment Minister, Michael Meacher.

Mr Meacher said last night [10 July] that he was "astonished" after the US Government confirmed that the CIA keeps a file on him. Compiled recently, it is believed to contain details of Mr Meacher's reservations about genetically modified foods which Washington promotes in Europe.

The CIA has refused to release details of the contents of its file, described by another department as a "biographical profile". However, enquiries by the *Telegraph* have uncovered no other files compiled by the CIA on British ministers.

Environment groups expressed alarm over the CIA's actions. Charles Secrett, director of Friends of the Earth, said: "The

immediate fear is that the CIA is working hand in glove with Monsanto [the US biotechnology company] to do anything they can to force this technology down our throats, whatever democratic politicians say. It would be dynamite if this file has anything about Michael Meacher's track-record on genetically modified crops and foods. What business is it of the CIA to worry about any politician's views about biotechnology products?"

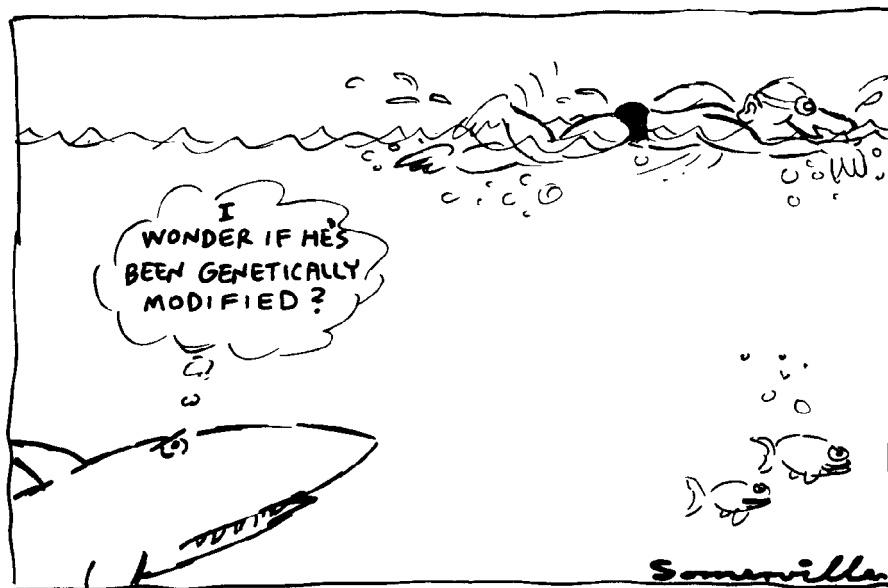
With the US pressing for GM products to be allowed more freely into Britain—despite British consumers' worries—GM food is emerging as a potential source of conflict between the two countries.

Within the government, Mr Meacher has been the most cautious on GM crops, insisting that none should be grown commercially before trial plantings establish whether they pose an environmental risk. He is also reconstituting the main committee advising ministers on GM foods, to reduce the number of members with links to the biotechnology industry. He is well regarded by environmentalists.

(Source: By Andrew Gilligan, Rob Evans and Greg Neale, *The Telegraph*, London, <[www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)>, 11 July 1999)

## UN FOOD AGENCY SUPPORTS EUROPEAN MORATORIUM ON MONSANTO'S GM MILK

The Codex Alimentarius Commission, the United Nations food and drugs safety agency representing 101 nations worldwide, has ruled unanimously in



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favour of the 1993 European moratorium on Monsanto's GE hormone-treated milk (rBGH). This unexpected ruling, revealingly greeted by the US Press with deafening silence, is a powerful blow against US global trade policies which are strongly influenced by powerful multinational corporations such as Monsanto.

The Codex Commission ruling has also forced the US to abandon its threats to challenge the European moratorium before the World Trade Organization later this year. And, as importantly, the ruling represents the first large-scale defeat of genetically modified foods on unarguable scientific grounds, apart from ethical and ideological concerns.

(Source: *The Campaign for Food Safety*, <[www.purefood.org/rbghlink.html](http://www.purefood.org/rbghlink.html)>, 18 August 1999)

## EARTH'S CHANGING ORBIT MAY EXPLAIN ICE AGES

Variations in the Earth's orbit around the Sun could explain why ice ages, which occur about every 100,000 years, have not been more regular.

"The Earth circles the Sun every year in an orbit that becomes either more elliptical or less elliptical over tens of thousands of years," says Jose Rial, a professor of geophysics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Variations in the orbit over time chiefly account for the ice ages as differing amounts of sunlight warm the planet."

The shift from circular to elliptical and back is one of several known, long-term

changes in the Earth's orbit, called Milankovitch variations. They are named after Serbian astronomer-mathematician Milutin Milankovitch, whose theories about ice-age timings were accepted from the 1920s until about 30 years ago.

The orbital variation, known as "eccentricity", has two cycles: one every 100,000 years and one every 413,000 years. But while the 100,000-year cycle shows up in studies of ancient climate—as seen in samples taken from glacial ice-cores, old sediments, etc.—there has been no evidence of the 413,000-year cycle.

Writing in the journal *Science*, Rial says he has found the evidence and may thus have exonerated Milankovitch. He says the pattern looks like an FM (frequency modulated) radio wave. He does not know the physical mechanism behind it, but says it helps explain why the ice ages seem to have occurred at irregular intervals.

Other scientists have suggested that changes in the plane of the Earth's orbit, or periodic dipping into a dust ring that also circles the Sun, might have triggered the ice ages.

(Source: *Fox News*, <<http://foxnews.com>>, 24 July 1999)

## OZONE HOLES CAUSED BY SOLAR WIND, NOT HUMANS

The hole in the ozone layer over the South Pole is due to the Sun, not people, according to research by a Chinese scientist, the Xinhua news agency reported on 20 June.

Yang Xuexiang, a professor of geologi-

cal sciences at Changchun University of Technology, believes the damage is caused by solar winds—a current of high-energy particles—rather than the use of freon, the official news agency said.

Yang, who is engaged in research into the evolution of the Earth and changes in global climate, published his research in an article in the May 1999 Chinese edition of *Scientific American*.

He argues that the solar wind has made the atmosphere at the South Pole thinner. The eruption of volcanoes in the southern hemisphere has then released large amounts of harmful gas, which has further damaged the ozone layer there.

The third factor is that the solar high-energy particle currents consume ozone at both the South Pole and the North Pole when they enter the Earth's atmosphere.

Yang argues that the northern hemisphere is where the use of freon is concentrated, and so, if the freon theory were correct, the ozone hole should have appeared above the North Pole instead of the South Pole, Xinhua reported.

(Source: *Agence France Presse*, *Xinhua news agency*, <[www.insidechina.com](http://www.insidechina.com)>, 21 June 1999)

## WHAT BUFORD FURROW'S E-MAIL ADDRESS MEANS

It has been revealed that Buford Furrow, the man who committed the bloody assault on a Jewish community centre in Los Angeles on 10 August, had an interesting e-mail address: <NSC-McChord@DDN-CONUS.DDN.MIL>.

- NSC: Denotes National Security Council.
- McChord: Denotes McChord Air Force Base, outside Seattle.
- DDN: This most likely means either Department of Defense Network or Defense Data Network.
- CONUS: This seems to indicate "Continental US".
- MIL: This is a military e-mail designation (written in all capital letters here).

This e-mail address for Buford Furrow was active until a little more than 24 hours after he turned himself in to his FBI handlers at their Las Vegas office on Wednesday 11 August.

Incidentally, Buford O'Neal Furrow Senior was in the Air Force for many years, most recently at Nellis AFB in Nevada.

(Source: *By John A. Quinn* <[jaq@saber.net](mailto:jaq@saber.net)>, 17 August 1999, © NewsHawk Inc.)



"I stitched up a great deal getting 'em mass printed in Vietnam, shipped by a Liberian line, and distributed through the Club Med chain."

**BIOTECH STOCKMARKET IN CONSUMER-LED DECLINE**

Europe's biggest bank has advised the world's largest investors to sell their shares in leading companies involved in the development of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), because consumers do not want to buy their products.

In a report sent to several thousand of the world's large institutional investors (including British pension funds), Deutsche Bank says that "growing negative sentiment" is creating problems for leading companies, including Monsanto and Novartis.

"We note that Monsanto has spent more than US\$1.5 million [£1 million] to persuade English consumers of the rectitude of their position, but alas, to no avail. Monsanto is little match for Prince Charles, an anti-GMO advocate, when it comes to sensitivity for the English people's desires," says the report. "More broadly speaking, it appears the food companies, retailers, grain processors and governments are sending a signal to the seed producers that 'we are not ready for GMOs'."

Since the report was circulated to investors, share prices in the companies named have fallen against a rising trend in stockmarkets generally, and the frenzy to take over seed companies has stopped.

The concerns of European consumers are real, concludes the report. "European consumers have recently been through the 'mad cow' crisis, the French AIDS-tainted blood crisis, the Dutch pig plague crisis, the Belgium chicken dioxin crisis, the Belgian Coca-Cola crisis, etc. Therefore, hearing from unsophisticated Americans that their fears are unfounded may not be the best way of proceeding."

The report is a serious embarrassment to the British Labour party because its pension fund has large investments in two leading GM companies: AstraZeneca and Novartis, both of which are reportedly considering selling their GM divisions after years of heavy investments but few returns.

The report coincides with growing official unease about claims made for genetically modified crops. Recent US Government research has shown that GM crops of maize, soya and cotton do not automatically produce greater yields or lower the use of pesticides.

(Source: By Paul Brown and John Vidal, The Guardian, London, website <www.newsunlimited.co.uk>, 25 August 1999)

**And now for something completely different...**

**NOT-FARMING**

You have probably heard of the British fishermen paid not to fish, and European farmers paid not to grow their traditional crops, etc.—all to keep food prices and trade treaties in line for globalisation. America, it seems, is also feeling the hogwash...

**Don't raise hogs, and make dollars now!**

Dear Secretary of Agriculture,

My friends Darryl and Janica, over at Jonestown, Oklahoma, received a check the other day for US\$1,000 from the government for not raising hogs. So, I want to go into the "not raising hogs" business myself next year.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best type of farm not to raise hogs on, and what is the best breed of hogs not to raise?

I want to be sure that I approach this endeavor in keeping with all government policies. I would prefer not to raise Razor hogs, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, then I can just as easily not raise Yorkshires or Durocs.

As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I have not raised. If I can get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 "not raised" hogs, which will give me \$80,000 income the first year. Then I can buy an airplane.

Now, another thing: these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn or wheat. Will I qualify for payments for not raising corn and wheat not to feed the 4,000 hogs I am not going to raise? I want to get started not feeding as soon as possible, as this seems to be a good time of the year not to raise hogs or grow grain.

I am also considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send me any information on that, also.

In view of these circumstances, I understand that the government will consider me totally unemployed, so I

plan to file for unemployment and food stamps as well.

Be assured that you will have my vote in the coming elections.

Patriotically yours,  
Duster Benton

PS: Would you please notify me when you plan to distribute more free cheese?

(Source: Various Internet postings, August 1999)

**MOVE OVER, REVERSE SPEECH...**

An anagram is a word or phrase made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. The following are exceptionally clever:

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| Dormitory:                | Dirty room                 |
| Evangelist:               | Evil's agent               |
| Desperation:              | A rope ends it             |
| The morse code:           | Here come dots             |
| Slot machines:            | Cash lost in 'em           |
| Animosity:                | Is no amity                |
| Mother-in-law:            | Woman Hitler               |
| Snooze alarms:            | Alas, no more Zs           |
| Alec Guinness:            | Genuine class              |
| Semolina:                 | Is no meal                 |
| A decimal point:          | I'm a dot in place         |
| The earthquakes:          | That queer shake           |
| Eleven plus two:          | Twelve plus one            |
| Contradiction:            | Accord not in it           |
| Princess Diana:           | Ascend in Paris            |
| The public art galleries: | Large Picture Halls, I Bet |

"That's one small step for a man; one giant leap for mankind."

— Neil Armstrong

The anagram:  
"Thin man ran, makes a large stride; left planet, pins flag on Moon; on to Mars."

And for the grand finale:  
"To be or not to be: that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

— William Shakespeare

The anagram:  
"In one of the Bard's best-thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten."